

DRAFT- TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

Sept. 9, 2025

The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg NY as well as via Zoom videoconference. Notice of Town Board meetings are posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.

*Video recordings of meetings are available on Youtube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.*

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS:

In person-

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Michael Boggs, Rich Goldman, Liz Weatherby, Mary Bouchard

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Roxanne Marino & Linda Liddle (Water Source Protection Plan Committee (WSPPC) members)

OTHERS:

Grascen Shidemantle, Director-Community Science Institute, Anne Koreman (Tompkins County Legislator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Olson requested to add presentations for community funding applicants; and consideration of moving pending code cases from Coughlin & Gerhart to NDV Law.

Mr. Goldman made a motion to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

(none)

PUBLIC HEARING: DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

Mr. Goldman made a motion to open the hearing at 7:03pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson asked for comments on the issue.

Hearing none, Mr. Goldman moved to adjourn the hearing at 7:04pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Marino invited the board to add comments to the Drinking Water Plan before it is sent to the DEC. Ms. Olson recommended that the plan be formally sent to the Planning Board as well.

SENDING THE DWSPP TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

RESOLUTION #124 of 2025: SENDING THE DWSPP TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

RESOLVED that the Town Board sends the water protection plan to the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals for review and comment.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS, Cont'd:

Ms. Koreman shared the following updates from Tompkins County Legislature:

- Budget for the county may have a 4-5% increase
- Trying to find solutions for unhoused folks
- Sales tax update
- Wants to keep funds in county budget for affordable housing and parks

Ms. Olson said that she hopes that the county can consider helping manage EMS due to the many calls that are from outside of Ulysses. Ms. Koreman said that they had an evaluation from a consultant on this topic.

Ms. Weatherby shared the following:

- Health consortium:
 - 18% increase due to number of claims
 - Vote is on 9/25
- Youth commission
 - Created budget
 - Waiting to see what funds the county will give

Ms. Bouchard shared that the Bee Committee will be handing out seedballs and presenting how to make beehouses along with TC Pollinator Partnership.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TIMELINE AND UPDATE

Ms. Olson & Ms. Weatherby updated the board, saying that there are two more public hearings and an Open House on 10/6/25. The committee will meet on 10/8 to review SEQR and open house take-aways before a final meeting on 11/5. Then the draft will be shared with the Town Board for review and adoption.

PRESENTATIONS from COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICANTS:

Community Science Institute (CSI)

Ms. Shidemantle introduced herself and shared the following information about the Institute's activities:

- Partner with trained volunteers to monitor streams and lake for nutrients and ecoli contamination
- Test for HABS
- Have over 20 years of data on water quality
- Identify risks
- Empower residents to become stewards of their watershed

She said that town funding will allow programs to continue and ensure that residents and local decision-makers have timely access to data.

The funding request to the town this year is a 2% increase over last year and accounts for 28% of the cost of monitoring. Other funding comes from the county and fees for service.

The Creative Reset

Jennifer Lynn was unable to be there in person so a recorded video was shared to describe what she is seeking funding for- a yearlong creative program that supports emotional well-being. She would like to offer free workshops to town residents.

THREE FALLS LDC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Olson shared that the LDC has hired a consulting firm- Fisher Associates– to put together a plan for the future use of the former Camp Barton. A representative will be at the Farmer's Market on 9/17 and 9/27 to share information and solicit public feedback.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESCHEDULING NOVEMBER 11TH TOWN BOARD MEETING

RESOLUTION #124 of 2025: RESCHEDULING THE NOVEMBER 11, 2025 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, November 11 is Veteran's Day and a recognized federal, state, and local holiday

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board reschedules the November 11, 2025 meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7pm.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ZONING & CODE LEGAL CASES TO NDV LAW

Ms. Olson said that Mr. Perehinec will be leaving Coughlin & Gerhart and joining Mr. VanWhy.

RESOLUTION #125 OF 2025: APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ZONING & CODE LEGAL CASES TO NDV LAW

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board approves the Town Supervisor to transfer all zoning and code enforcement files from Coughlin and Gerhart to the Town's attorney's firm, NDV Law, PLLC.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2026 Budget Meetings –Wednesday, September 10 (9am), Wednesday, September 17 (9am)
- September 23 – Regular Town Board Meeting
- September 27 – Three Falls Public Engagement @ Farmer's Market (11am-2pm)
- October 6 – Comprehensive Plan Open House @ Racker Center (4-7pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For purposes related to current litigation

Mr. Goldman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:54pm for the purposes of discussing current litigation. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Ms. Bouchard moved to end Executive Session at 8:25pm. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION # 126 OF 2025: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes as presented from Aug. 12, 2025 (regular meeting).

Moved: Ms. Bouchard

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

BOARD NOTIFICATIONS:

Ms. Olson informed the board that she approved hiring Taitem for the ground mount solar project at the highway department. They will put together an RFP for us to go out to bid.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION # 127 OF 2025: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the budget modifications (see Appendix) as presented.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS

RESOLUTION # 128 OF 2025: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves payment of audited claims #431-472 in the A-SW Funds for \$104,342.35; and #11 in the HA Fund for \$750.50.

Moved: Ms. Weatherby

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 9/9/25

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3-min limit per person)

(none)

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:32pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 9/22/25

APPENDIX:

2025 Budget Modifications Requested at Town Board Meeting 9/9/2025

A FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

1	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	A1620.21	Town Hall Facilities - Parking Lot	\$ 230,000.00	Increase	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 236,425.00
	A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 29,500.00	Decrease	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 23,075.00
<i>This budget adjustment reflects the final costs of the parking lot project that are in excess of ARPA funding.</i>						

2	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	A7020.121	Recreation - Summer Camp Staff	\$ 65,000.00	Increase	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 67,010.00
	A7020.42	Recreation - Contractual	\$ 38,475.00	Decrease	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 36,465.00
<i>This budget adjustment reflects a small overage in camp staff costs, being covered by anticipated savings in contractual spending.</i>						

SW-1 FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

1	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	SW1-8320.4	Water Purchases	\$ 10,000.00	Increase	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
	SW1-2140	Metered Water Sales	\$ 10,000.00	Increase	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
<i>This budget modification reflects the increase in water usage by CARS - both in revenue and expenditures.</i>						
